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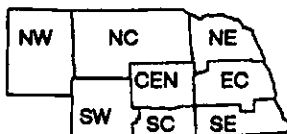
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WEATHER

The week was cold and wet. Temperatures averaged six to twelve degrees below normals. Precipitation amounts averaged around a half inch in the northwest up to 2.75 inches in the northeast.

GENERAL

Fieldwork activities were limited last week due to wet field conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers continue to get equipment ready for planting and are getting anxious to get into the field. Other producer activities included moving farm-stored grain to elevators, limited spring field work, and taking care of livestock.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 1% poor, 15% fair, 73% good, and 11% excellent. As of Sunday, 11% of the crop had jointed with 9% last year and 15% average.

CROPS (Cont.)

Oats planted continued to progress at a slow pace due to wet field conditions. To date, 43% had been sown and compares with 94% last year and 74% for the five-year average. Some reports show concerns that weather delays could decrease acreage planted.

Corn planting was off to a limited start last week due to weather conditions. As of Sunday, 1% of the crop had been planted. This compares to 14% last year and 6% for the five-year average.

Sugar beet planting continued to be delayed due to the wet weather conditions.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at mostly good. Spring calving was progressing well at 88% complete. Calf losses this spring were reported at mostly average. Scours and pneumonia continued to be a problem for baby calves. Cattle continued to be moved to summer pastures.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 23, 1995	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Oats Sown	30	45	31	47	44	69	92	89	43	31	94	74
% Wheat Jointed	4	2	2	6	3	20	17	11	11	4	9	15
% Corn Planted	0	6	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	14	6
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 21, 1995												
Days suitable	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.9	6.4	
Topsoil Moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(Percent) - Short	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	41	
- Adequate	83	38	28	50	15	67	66	80	44	64	59	
- Surplus	8	61	72	50	85	33	34	20	55	31	0	
Subsoil Moisture - Very Short	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(Percent) - Short	35	1	1	1	0	10	10	1	5	11	2	
- Adequate	63	62	57	99	55	82	69	90	68	77	96	
- Surplus	0	37	42	0	45	8	21	9	27	12	2	

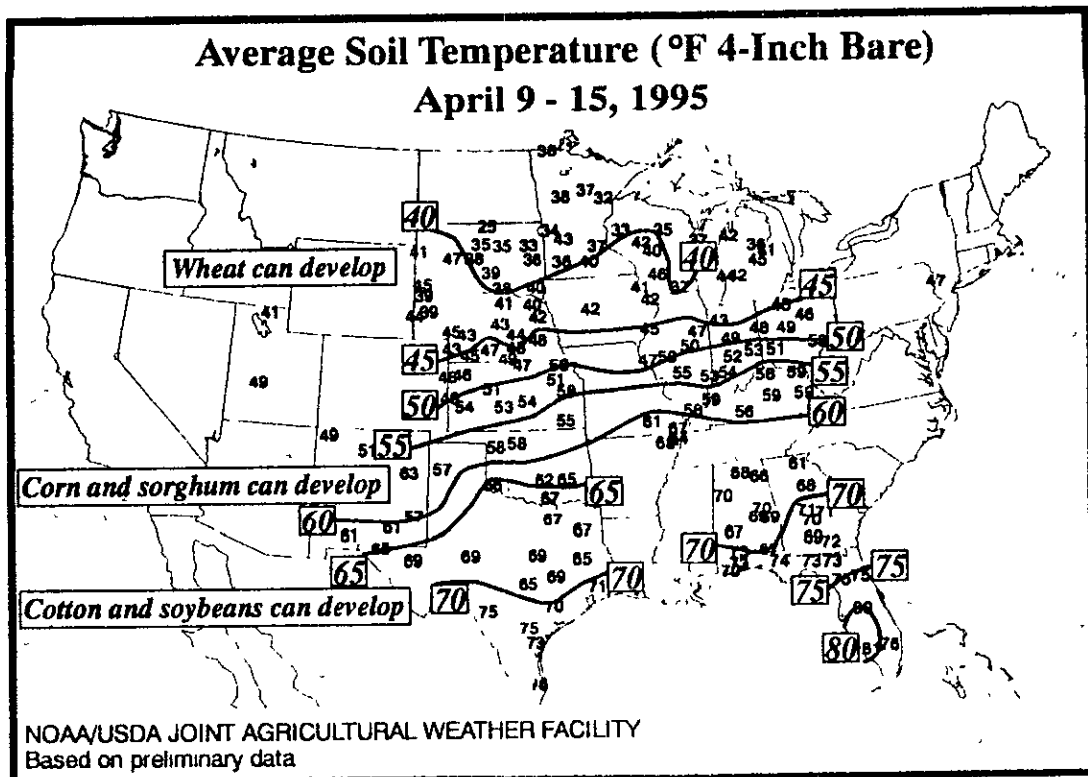
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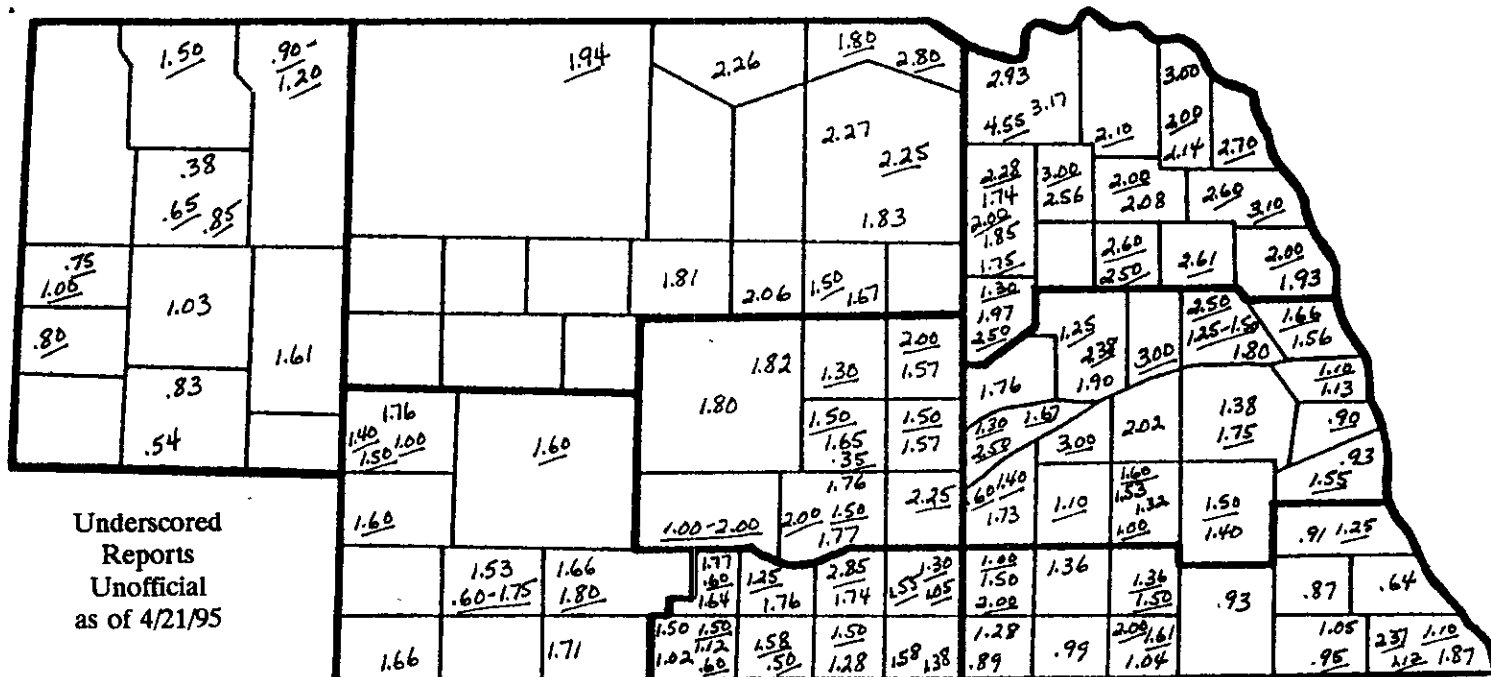
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1995



Precipitation, April 1 - April 23, 1995

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week88	2.06	2.34	1.71	1.54	1.66	1.48	1.11
Total since April 1	2.16	3.45	3.56	2.38	2.76	2.49	1.70	2.48
Normal since April 1	1.35	1.61	1.84	1.83	2.07	1.38	1.58	2.07

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1995

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	56	26	39	---	.02
Scottsbluff	55	26	39	-9	.57
Sidney	53	24	36	---	.39
NC Valentine	57	14	36	-12	1.04
NE Norfolk	65	31	44	-8	1.71
Sioux City	65	33	46	-6	2.78
CEN Grand Island	63	29	42	-11	1.65
Ord	60	26	41	---	---
EC Lincoln	63	29	45	-9	1.44
Omaha	64	33	47	-7	.80
SW Imperial	56	26	38	---	1.23
North Platte	59	27	39	-11	1.42

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.